

Denon's account of one of the sanguinary conflicts between the French and Mamelukes, as having for a while held in the most distressing hesitation General Desaix, though a prompt and intrepid commander.

LETTER III.

THIS indispensable basis, cjonfidej]^.j^^
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ever, not enough to constitute the character in question. For many persons, who have been conscious and proud of a much stronger grasp of thought than ordinary men, and have held the most decided opinions on important things to be done, have yet exhibited, in the listlessness or inconstancy of their actions, a contrast and a disgrace to the operations of their understandings. For want of some cogent feeling impelling them to carry every internal decision into action, they have been still left where they were; and a dignified judgment has been seen in the hapless plight of having no effective forces to execute its decrees.

It is evident then (and I perceive I have partly anticipated this article in the first letter), that another essential principle of the character is, a toj^m^ajDaM^^ tp_jndiffej^nj?^ Qr.jieJay.^ ^Siud,' ^SJl^Jl^QJlJ^ik must accompany the conclusions of thought, and constantly incite the utmost efforts to give

I them a practical result. The intellect must be invested, if I may so describe it, with a glowing atmosphere of passion, under the influence of which, the cold dictates of reason take fire, and spring into active powers.

Revert once more in your thoughts to the persons most remarkably distinguished by this quality. You will perceive, that instead of anj3wirigLJ±L^

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entombed lamps of the Rosicrucians.* They are not dis-

* The Rosicrucians were a secret society of the seventeenth century. They are involved in much mystery, and their history has led to a great deal of discussion.